



Hi Chess Families—

Eureka! The Knight School *St. Monica* Chess Team has just perfected our new online and laughing friend-unit that will be an innovative, amazing, interactive, bonding, enthralling, supportive, and reliable online chess team.

Strategy Squad! Kid Unit Chess Team for our school will launch September 1st and beginners and old kids alike are invited! Enroll in this unique and innovative online class [right here!](#)

And double Eureka! We have also perfected how families can view this fast-paced online chess class risk-free: During WebCamp we filmed a sample of the class. [Check it out!](#)

[The Knight School](#) has developed a souped-up, breakneck-paced Zoom experience that finally offers a truly compelling and thrilling one-hour chess team experience, enjoyed from the safety of your own home. With the upcoming academic school year in almost every way unclear, you can rely on the stability and predictability of our uncancelable, delightful weekly class. From September-May, our 15-kid "Strategy Squad!" friend-unit will collaborate, laugh, critically-think, bond, and perfect their chess games, and maybe even their childhoods. Strategy Squad is designed as a group-building, supportive friend group when--in light of predictions of a second wave in the fall/winter--our kids really need a little stability, predictability, and reliability. Each week Coach and exactly 15 kids (16 makes a perfect Zoom Gallery View) will work as one tightly-bonded, Zoom-Class friend-unit to conquer ten compelling daily challenges (listed below). Kids collaborate and combine their ideas to win all the traditional TKS wristbands and candy prizes; Kids work together warmly in order to earn these prizes AS A TEAM. As the final activity of this compelling, group-building weekly class, Coach will fill each student's envelope with candy, the tactics belt of the day, and any other prizes earned. Each month Coach will mail a stamped prize envelope to each student, and we all know that kids love mail at the mailbox! In the coming year of uncertainty, Strategy Squad! would love to be your child's weekly haven of socializing, intellectual stimulation, chess improvement, excitement, stability, and delight. The Knight School Strategy Squad! Chess Team offers three developmentally-targeted levels: Preschool, Elementary, and Advanced. Enroll in your favorite class [right here!](#) Check out the ten daily challenges in which your school's Strategy Squad! can earn prizes if they work together effectively as a supportive team:

1) "Opening Monologue:" Daily wristband color and a new chess tactic are presented for our kids' digestion.

2) "Stump the Chump:" Kids Chat Race Coach in order to solve puzzles. Kids win all 3? Candy all around!

3) “Zany Movie:” Toast player gets to pick from our vast and exciting TKS “Zany Chess Movies Library.”

4) “Toast Game:” A hotshot plays Coach in a five-minute thrilling game. Analysis Board afterward shows the errors.

5) “Fritzy:” Fritz is our hilarious, smack-talking pet chess engine. One kid controls Coach’s cursor and everyone collaborates!

6) “Stretch Break:” Go fetch the “Treasure of the Day!” A spoon! Or a pillow! Don’t be the last one back.

7) “ChessMaster Says” our lightning-fast Simon-says derivative, is played for exactly one timed minute; kids

Zap their video windows as they are eliminated for a very cool effect as someone becomes the finalist.

8) “Jeopardy! Puzzlers:” Did 100% of our class just Zoom Poll correctly? Candy all around!

9) “Tourney FunTime:” Exciting countdown to the end! 35 minutes total, 7 minute games.

10) “Awards Ceremony:”—Coach signs off each class while stuffing envelopes with candy and all earned tactics wristbands.

Each semester, the entire The Knight School Nation--21 cities--will come together for an awesome national tournaparty, with real trophies shipped! And all of this done with no masks, no social distancing, just a reinvented twist on Zoom that cranks up the interactivity to a revolutionary new height. Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm will be “The Varsity,” a separate, advanced class with simultaneous games, joke time, and a longer, 50-minute tourney. Concurrent enrollment is required.

If you like this approach, enroll in The Knight School *St. Monica* Strategy Squad Chess Team for this upcoming year! [Enroll right here.](#) I suspect many, many new families completely new to chess will see the value in this unique, innovative offering. I intend for The Knight School to provide a great benefit to dozens of our *St. Monica* students as we ride this storm out together. Please email me at delaurance@theknightschool.com to chat or for more information about the exciting approach to this fall’s *St. Monica* Chess Team.

Thanks so much—

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